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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Roberto VALDUCCI

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For : ORAL SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS WITH pH DEPENDANT  
MULTIPHASIC RELEASE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A clean copy of the claims as amended is enclosed.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims", insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 10, line 1, change "claims 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6" to --claim 1--.

In Claim 13, line 1, change "claims 1 or 2 or 3" to -- claim 1--.

In Claims 15, 18 and 19, line 1, change "any preceding claims 1-9" to --claim 1--.